



## Office of the National Ombudsman

### FEDERAL REGULATORY ENFORCEMENT FAIRNESS ROUNDTABLE FOR SMALL BUSINESS

Thursday, May 24, 2007  
Richmond, VA

**Have you or a small business owner you know been unfairly fined or penalized by a federal government agency, or is a federal agency enforcement action imminent?**

This is a public roundtable sponsored by the U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA) to assist small business owners with unfair or excessive federal regulatory enforcement issues. To create a more cooperative regulatory environment among federal agencies and small businesses, the SBA National Ombudsman holds regulatory fairness forums across the United States. Concerns and complaints aired at this roundtable will be directed to the appropriate federal regulatory agency for a high-level review. If any small business, non-profit organization, small government entity believe they have experienced unfair regulatory enforcement or compliance actions they may submit their comments to the National Ombudsman. A secondary goal is to educate the public, local communities, stakeholders and SBA staff about the mission and role of the Office of the National Ombudsman. In many instances, comments referred by the National Ombudsman to federal agencies have resulted in reduced or waived penalties and/or compliance actions. At a minimum, the agencies review enforcement action to ensure fairness.

**Who:** SBA National Ombudsman Nicholas Owens, and members of the Regional Regulatory Fairness Board will hold a roundtable to provide small business owners, representatives of community and trade associations with an opportunity to discuss Federal compliance and enforcement of regulations by Federal agencies. The forum provides the opportunity for the National Ombudsman to be informed of Federal regulatory enforcement concerns impacting America's small businesses.

**Where:** New Visions, New Ventures  
Wytestone Building  
801 East Main Street, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor Conference Room  
Richmond, VA 23219

**When:** Thursday, May 24, 2007  
Registration: 9:30 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.  
Roundtable: 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 a.m.

***We Encourage You To Inform Your Colleagues and  
Association Members About This RegFair Roundtable  
And Invite You to Join Us***

*To register or for additional information contact Peggy FaJohn at (804) 771-2400, Ext. 126 or  
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